

**Before the State of South Carolina  
Department of Insurance**

In the matter of:

Erskine A. McGriff

1164 Smithwoods Lane  
Hickory Grove, South Carolina 29717

SCDOI File Number 2002-113790.

**Default Order Revoking  
Resident Insurance Agent's  
License**

This matter comes before me pursuant to a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing served, as required within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (2002), by the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance upon Erskine A. McGriff by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail on October 7, 2002.

By that letter, Mr. McGriff was informed of his right to request a public hearing upon the allegations of impropriety contained within the letter against him. Further, he was warned that his failure to make a timely, written request would result in my summary revocation of his license to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina. Despite that warning, McGriff has failed to respond to the Department's letter and to provide the Department with a current address, in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-107 (2002), and the United States Postal Service returned as unclaimed the letter sent by the Department. On December 5, 2002, therefore, counsel for the Department filed an Affidavit of Default, and the entire matter was submitted directly to me for my summary decision based solely on the record.

The letter alleged, and I now find as fact, that while licensed to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina, Erskine McGriff was convicted by the South Carolina Circuit Court of General Sessions, York County, of "Malicious Injury to Animals, Property, \$5,000/m..." in The State v. Erskine A. McGriff, Criminal Docket Number 2002GS4601012.

S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (2002) provides: "The director or his designee may revoke or suspend an agent's license after ten day's notice...when it appears that an agent has been convicted of a crime of moral involving moral turpitude...."

In accordance with my findings of fact, and considering McGriff's failure to avail himself of his opportunity to be heard, I now conclude, as a matter of law, that Erskine McGriff was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, and that his resident insurance agent license should be revoked.

This administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-40-10, *et seq.* (1991 and Supp. 2001). Nothing contained within this

administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report." S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110 (4) (2002).

It is therefore ordered that Erskine McGriff's license to transact business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina be, and is hereby, revoked, and that no license, issued through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance is to be issued to him.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its current member states and to each insurer for which McGriff is currently licensed, through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance, as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina.

This order takes effect upon the date of my signature below.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. N. Csiszar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ernst N. Csiszar  
Director

5 December 2002, at  
Columbia, South Carolina

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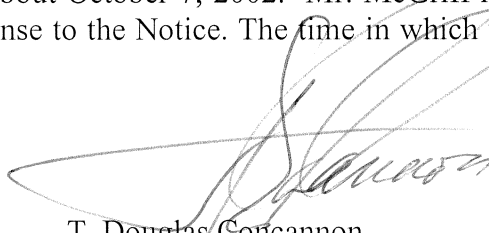
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**Affidavit of Default**

Personally appeared before me T. Douglas Concannon, who, being duly sworn, stated that at all times relevant to this Affidavit of Default he was an attorney representing the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance in this administrative action. He further stated the following:

The Department served notice on Erskine McGriff at the address detailed above by a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing that the Department would request the Director of Insurance to summarily revoke his license to act as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina in thirty days. The Department served the Notice, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (2002), by "depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the person and registered with the return receipt requested." That Notice further informed Mr. McGriff of his opportunity, within thirty days, to request in writing a public hearing.

The United States Postal Service effected service of the Notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, on or about October 7, 2002. Mr. McGriff has made no request for a public hearing or any other response to the Notice. The time in which to do so has expired. He is now in default.



T. Douglas Concannon  
Associate General Counsel

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 5th day of December, 2002.



Steven R. DuBois  
Notary Public for the State of South Carolina  
My Commission Expires May 10, 2009

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